

ASTOR'S TROTH TO PRETTY MISS FORCE STIRS NEW YORKERS

Father's Firmness Compels Early Announcement of Engagement.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—New York society has seldom been so stirred as it is today by the announcement that Col. John Jacob Astor, its arbiter, will marry Miss Madeline Talmadge Force, a girl of eighteen years. Their names had been coupled often, both in social gossip and in the newspapers, but though there had been much publicity about the relations which it was suspected existed between them, society had not been quite able to accustom itself to believe the rumors.

And when, therefore, W. H. Force, father of the beautiful girl that will have the most powerful position in New York society that a woman can hold, made the formal announcement that Miss Force would become the bride of Colonel Astor, it caused a stir among the few of the Four Hundred in New York and among the many at Bar Harbor and the other summer resorts.

Astor Opposed Announcement. Colonel Astor had objected to the publication of the engagement. It was Mr. Force who insisted upon it. Mr. Force declared that there were now so many rumors about concerning his daughter and Colonel Astor that it would be best at once to make a definite statement. He convinced Colonel Astor of the expediency of the step, and it was agreed that Mr. Force should state publicly that Colonel Astor and Miss Force would wed. The date was not mentioned, however.

Mr. Force, head of the forwarding firm of W. H. Force & Co., made the announcement from his office, at 78 North Front street.

Miss Force had already become known to leaders of society. She was a debutante only a few months ago, having just been graduated from the Academy of Miss Spence, but Colonel Astor had evidently been in love with her ever since they met, at Bar Harbor, last summer. From that time on, during the season there he was in her company several times a day, and members of the colony were soon mentioning their names together.

When they returned to New York, Miss Force was often seen in the Astor box in the "golden horseshoe" of the Metropolitan Opera House. Her mother was her chaperone. Society that had not already learned who the tall, well formed girl in Colonel Astor's box was, found out before the season was ended.

Already the newspapers were printing their names and portraits together.

Has Classical Features. Miss Force is a beautiful girl. She is tall and graceful, and her brown hair and brown eyes are her chiefly attractive features. Her features are classical. She is an accomplished horsewoman. She wears a large solitary diamond ring, and when a reporter called she had just received a big box of flowers from Colonel Astor. She blushingly acknowledged the engagement.

Her mother said that the engagement dated back only a few days.

Colonel Astor has returned to Newport on his yacht, but before he left he told a few of his trusted employees at his office in Twenty-sixth street, of the engagement.

Colonel Astor, who is forty-seven years old, is the great-grandson and namesake of the founder of the Astor fortune.

Beautiful Tact. He (to second wife)—I am glad to be in this charming spot once more.

She—I thought you were here on your bridal tour with your first wife.

He—Yes, but I was so much in love I never saw the landscape.—Flegende Eliazer.

DEATHS

DYER—At Emergency Hospital, yesterday, as result of old age, L. C. DYER, seventy-five years old.

HOAG—CHARLES HENRY HOAG, fifty-seven years.

Funeral from Geier's undertaking parlors tomorrow at 11 a. m. Burial in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

KAHL—At her residence, the Astoria, Mrs. SARAH B. KAHL, aged eighty-four years.

Funeral tomorrow afternoon from home of her daughter, 35 H street northwest, thence to Trinity M. E. Church, corner Fifth and C streets southeast. Interment in Congressional Cemetery.

OYDES—At Providence Hospital, SETON OYDES, aged six years.

Funeral this afternoon from the Repetti undertaking parlors, Interment at Leaburg, Va.

ROBINSON—At George Washington Hospital this morning, Mrs. LILLIAN ROBINSON, body shipped to Woodstock, Va. for interment.

KEELS—On Tuesday, August 1, 1911, EMILY E., beloved daughter of Homer C. and Jennie Keels, aged 1 year and 1 month.

Funeral on Thursday, August 3, at 10 o'clock a. m., from the parents' residence, 29 Holly avenue, Takoma Park, Md. Burial private.

SMART—At her residence, 3319 Seventeenth street northwest, SARAH B. SMART, aged eighty-three years.

Funeral at 4 o'clock this afternoon, at the residence.

SMART—Entered into rest on Tuesday, August 1, 1911, SARAH BARNARD, widow of George H. Smart, of Alford, England.

Funeral from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. C. M. Lewis, 3319 Seventeenth street northwest, today at 4 p. m. Interment private.

WHITE—On Tuesday, August 1, 1911, at the summer residence of her brother, Chief Justice United States Supreme Court E. D. White, Fort Hope, Canada, REBEKAH P. daughter of the late Gov. E. D. White, of Louisiana, and Catherine Sidney Lee Ringgold.

Funeral services at St. Joseph's Church, Thibodeaux, La., the place of interment.

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No Alimony, Two Held In Contempt of Court

Orders for the arrest of James Evans Phillips, formerly of 949 Virginia avenue southwest, and James Turner, colored, for contempt of court in failing to pay alimony to their wives, were issued this morning in the District Supreme Court by Justice Barnard.

Both men are believed to have returned to this city after settlement of the original contempt charges, and now face new trouble for alleged failure to pay temporary alimony.

Think Merritt's Body Found in Maine Wreck

HAVANA, Aug. 2.—Excavations in the wreckage of the Maine revealed the bones of several bodies, and one is believed to be that of Darwin Merritt, although Captain Tilford and the engineers declare that positive identification will be impossible until tomorrow. The skeleton was well forward of the wreckage and was covered with mud. Hydraulic pressure uncovered the bones near the torpedo tube, where Mr. Merritt is supposed to have lost his life.

CONGRESS HEIGHTS GETS LONG-SOUGHT TROLLEY SERVICE

Agreement Made Today Will Facilitate Building of Double Track Line.

The Commissioners today granted to the Anacostia and Potomac River Railroad Company a permit to extend its double track system from Anacostia to Congress Heights, an improvement which the residents of both suburbs have sought for two years. Work on the laying of the tracks will begin immediately, according to information received by the Commissioners from the officials of the company.

The delay was caused by a disagreement between the Commissioners and the railroad officials as to the restoration, grading and macadamizing of the roadway adjoining the tracks, the cost of which is charged to the company. It was claimed by the officials that they were assessed for work which they are not compelled by law to do, but it was said today that a satisfactory agreement has been reached.

The permit authorizes the company to construct an additional single track and to erect the necessary wires overhead on Nichols avenue from a point 150 feet south of Talbert street to the present terminus of the line, north of Esther place, Congress Heights. The cost of macadamizing the space occupied by the tracks and two feet adjacent thereto is to be charged against a deposit of \$5,000.

to be placed by the company with the Commissioners. The work is to be done on plans to be approved by the Commissioners, under their supervision and to their satisfaction. The extension of the double-track system was the subject of a discussion at the meeting of the Public Improvement Association of Congress Heights last night. A letter was read from Gen. George H. Harries, vice president of the Railway and Electric Company, explaining the company's attitude. It stated that the company had requested the issuance of a permit, but that it was held up by the Commissioners on the ground that the company refused to do certain work in connection with street improvements, not required by law. The issuance of a permit today, however, places an end to all difficulties in the way of the extension.

Moroccan Situation Is Reflected in Markets

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The stock markets in European capitals today reflect the fear of a discontinuance of Franco-German negotiations over Morocco, owing, it is said, to Germany's insistence upon terms which France does not wish to grant. While both Germany and France continue to keep their own counsel and are negotiating secretly, it is pointed out that financial circles are likely to be in close touch with the situation and that the stock markets indicate that little or no progress is being made. There is an impression in semi-official circles that unless negotiations take a different turn within a week, a continuance of the conferences between France and Germany will be useless.

Steamer Shinnecock Ashore on Long Island

NEW LONDON, Conn., Aug. 2.—The steamer Shinnecock, of the Montauk Steamship Line, New York to Block Island, via Greenport, ran ashore early today off Long Beach, Long Island. All aboard were taken off by the steamer Manhattan and landed at Greenport. It is supposed the Shinnecock went ashore in the fog.

HIDDEN REPORT ON THE REMSEN BOARD APPEARS

Document Which Asserted Body's Illegality Is Seen by Committee.

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paying them for their services and the expenses of their investigations."

Court Appeals Intended.

Assistant Attorney General Fowler, quoted from the debates in the House and Senate, when the pure food act was passed, in support of his claim that Congress never intended that there should be a referee board. It was the intention of Congress, said Fowler, to have appeals taken to the courts, if there were to be appeals, and Mr. Fowler informed the Attorney General that the referee board stopped all court proceedings and really made the Remsen board a court of last resort, which was contrary to law.

"Notwithstanding my belief that a head of a department should be allowed a free hand in controlling his affairs," continued the Assistant Attorney General, "yet, from a legal standpoint, I find myself unable to concur in the view of the Secretary as to the law authorizing the creation of this board."

Sent Abroad.

He—You know Maud is going abroad to study music? She—Who is going to pay for it? Her father can't. He—I don't know. The next door neighbors, probably.—London Opinion.

HAITI'S PRESIDENT MAY SEEK REFUGE ON AMERICAN SHIP

Simon Administration Tentering as Rebels Advance in Victory.

President Simon, of Haiti, is expected to take refuge in a few days on one of the American warships now off the coast of the Black Republic, according to dispatches received at the State Department today, predicting the early fall of the present government there.

The revolutionists hold the mountain passes within five miles of Port au Prince, and reports of the capture of Aux Cayes, the home town of President Simon, was confirmed today. At the request of President Simon, the diplomatic corps at Port au Prince is arranging a three-day armistice, which the rebels are expected to agree to. A British warship arrived at Port au Prince yesterday, and is co-operating with the American vessels.

Colored Fabrics Should Be Washed Separately

It must be remembered that there are not many colors that can withstand strong alkali, such as washing soda, washing powders or fluids. For this reason colored bordered towels or table linen should not be washed nor boiled with the white clothing when strong soaps or alkalis are employed. It is the safest to wash all colored fabrics and wools on a different day from the regular wash-day.

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